



MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
Licensing Program



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Dear Licensed Midwife,

It has come to the attention of the Medical Board of California that some midwifery students who are not yet licensed midwives in the State of California are soliciting for clients and employing licensed midwives to assist them in out of hospital births. **The purpose of this letter is to inform you that this is an improper activity and is considered practicing without a license.**

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2511(a), "No person, other than one who has been licensed to practice midwifery by the board, shall hold himself or herself out as a licensed midwife, or use any other term indicating or implying that he or she is a licensed midwife."

Business and Professions Code 2519 states that the Board may suspend or revoke the license of a midwife for unprofessional conduct which includes, (i) "Aiding or assisting, or agreeing to aid or assist any person or persons, whether a licensed physician or not, in the performance of or arranging for a violation of any of the provisions of Article 12 (commencing with section 2221).

A licensed midwife who is involved in aiding and abetting a student in the practice stated above may be subject to Board action including but not limited to suspension or revocation of his or her license. Likewise, any student found to be in violation of this provision risks possible denial of licensure as well as criminal action.

Should you require further clarification, please contact Natalie Lowe, Licensing Program Manager, at: (916) 263-2399 or Natalie.lowe@mbc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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